

**Falls City, Nebraska**

By an oversight the Children's Day exercises were not reported among previous items. These exercises were pronounced by all with whom we conversed as very fine. Success was due to the earnest and untiring efforts of sister Liva Lichty and Supt. Edgar Mathers. When these parties take hold of a work it never fails of success. May their kind increase, without subordinate officers for each one stands at the head of a department and can be counted upon at all times to do hard and unselfish work. My love and gratitude goes out to all who like them are to be found in every Brethren church. They so often do the work and somebody else gets the credit. God knows who shall secure the crown.

By the request of brother J. D. McFadden and the good will of the Falls City brethren, we sojourned at Carleton, Neb., from the 20th. to the 24th. ult. We had a trinity of purpose in making this trip. First, to assist Brother McFadden in a few services previous to their Lovefeast; second, to do some good in a spiritual way; third, to see more of this great west, and become acquainted with a people whom we have so long known by reputation. How far we succeeded in the first two purposes modesty forbids us to say, even if we knew. We greatly enjoyed all the services and hope some good was done. In the latter purpose we can speak confidently for we returned home with enlarged vision and exalted opinions of Nebraska in general, and of the hospitality and kindness of the Carleton brethren in particular.

Owing to the excessive heat and the very busy season (harvest) the attendance of the Lovefeast was not so good as it otherwise would have been. Yet it was an occasion of comfort and joy to those present. I cannot understand why when once a member has felt the comfort and spiritual infilling of these services they should afterward neglect them. I heartily approve of holding services either a few evenings or else an entire day before the feast as a means of preparing hearts and minds for the proper observance of all the ordinances. To perform these ordinances, in a formal, mechanical way is to make them a useless burden and little calculated to benefit the participants.

The Carleton church is in love and peace. All departments of the church an active, a spirit both aggressive and progressive abounds. The Carleton church is an excellent body of workers, loyal to both their pastor and the Lord Jesus. In Brother McFadden the church has a skillful leader, an untiring worker, a man full of the Holy Spirit. Happy such a church, blest is such a pastor. May the Lord keep them united in love and work for many years yet to come.

Our Quarterly meeting, closing third quarter of church year, was held on the 29th. ult. Much business was transacted in unity and in love. Among items of general interest transacted was that of electing a committee to look up funds and property for parsonage purposes. A pastor for the coming year was considered and the present incumbent was unanimously called to continue in the work one year from Oct. 14, 1901. The salary was also advanced over the present year. God has greatly blessed us in the work here in that the hearts of the church are with the pastor in his service and we rejoice to say the pastor has confidence in the church. While we feel deeply our failure to do all that was in our heart to do, yet we did all that was in our power to do. But for all that we feel that we have not begun to do for them what they have done for me and mine. All of which we greatly appreciate and are very thankful. Our prayer is that God may give us grace and power that we may bring to them spiritual blessings thru which the Lord Jesus may enrich them with that treasure which endureth to all eternity.

May the Lord make all pastors of the brethren church true mediums of exchanging temporal things for spiritual. Surely no man would consider such an exchange a loss.

L. W. DITCH.

**Milford, Ind.**

On the night of the 22nd of June we attended the communion at Gravelton. They had a good service. It did me so much good to be in that service. Brother C. H. Marks conducted the service himself. His remarks were very helpful to all who were there. They seem to be filled with the true spirit of Christ. Oh, that we all might have more of that true love that casts out all fear. Attended their Sunday school on Sunday. They have a good man for superintendent, Brother Holderman. May the Lord bless them in their work. And may they gather many more into the fold of the Lord. Our work at Milford still goes on. Brother Flora of Nappanee preached for us on last Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night. A week ago on Saturday afternoon he baptized one young man that came out last winter. On Sunday eve he gave us a good sermon or it seemed good to me. Last Sunday night we had a good young people's meeting. Sister Sadie Archer was leader. Brother Perry will be with us next Sunday, July 7. May he be filled with the spirit of Christ and the people be filled with the same love for the Master. Our Sunday-school is doing well with Brother Brumbaugh at the head. Our attendance is good for this time of the year. I feel that God is with us in our work; in fact I know it for I see his hand leading us on to a higher walk in life. Christ is our leader; let us follow him, he will lead us in paths of peace. Oh, what a joy it is to work for him who has done so much for us; let us praise his holy name forever and be willing to do his will. He has said in his word all may come unto him and be filled with his love. Let us take him at his word and be filled.

MRS. W. J. ORN.

**Stanley, Wis.**

June 16, wife and I were at a new point six miles west of here. Had one meeting. Two from the G. B's. desired to go with us. The 22, I started alone for a point 15 miles from home, north-west of Stanley. Walked nine miles to Stanley, there found friends who took me the rest of the way. Altho I have past "The Dead Line" by three years I can still walk 15 or 20 miles and preach Jesus to the people. Sunday, the 23, baptized two, man and wife in the waters of Wolf river. Startled a deer from the river where it had come to slake its thirst where the "tall Pine and Hemlock grow." This was the first time the people ever saw any one baptized by trine immersion and the laying on of hands practiced and it was a "High Day" for them and one thing they will never forget. We now have 30 members, and others near the kingdom. We expect brother Z. T. Livengood from Lanark here the 30, to preach for us two or three weeks and close with a communion. Brethren, pray for us. I have more calls for preaching than I can fill. The work is growing and spreading. "Praise the Lord."

F. D. VANBUREN.

**Brain Dust**

I will mention several towns in this letter.

*Esbon, Kans.*—Our Brother Kelso of Carleton, moved here to engage in the banking business. I paid them a visit, preached on Sunday morning and night, and talked on Monday night. Had a delightful time. In the first place, the Kelso's are nice people to visit; then Brother and Sister Beachy came over from Burr Oak with their bright boy, and then Esbon has nice people in it. There is a fine opening here for church workers, and in business it is hard to beat. Brother and Sister Keim of Salisbury, Pa., are erecting a nice home. I hope to repeat my visit to this place.

*Hamlin, Kans.*—I closed my work here several months ago. Our last service was a love feast, in which some fifty or over took part. When we remember that on my return from Chicago we had

no church, and but a family or two in the town, it is easy to see the work that was done, and successfully done in spite of obstacles and undermining work on the part of enemies to the cause of Christ. Before leaving, several of my friends started a little work and as a result presented me with a very fine suit of clothes. This on their part was highly appreciated by me. My work in Hamlin, like some elsewhere will be better appreciated as the years go by.

*Carleton, Neb.*—Here is my standby church. Our communion was held recently. We had the hot Sunday of the year, and wind that must be felt to be understood, and yet we had nearly seventy at the table. Some of our members sick, and some who could not be there. I recently received eight by relation, and on the whole we are moving along in peace and harmony, with bright prospects for the future. Our District Conference will be here this year.

*Falls City, Neb.*—I have not been here lately, but the pastor of the Falls City church preached for me and was with us over the love feast. Brother Ditch is the same Ditch only better. That is an Irish assertion and you must so read it. Brother and Sister Ditch are doing good work in their charge; they are doing good work in every way, and are liked better all the time, and we are glad to have them in our district. If brother Sam Lichty will write another letter or two on attending conference there will be no doubt about the gathering at our District Conference. Brother Sam always says something when he talks. I have preached at several places since having Carleton only, but will wait until I do some more work before speaking of it. The mission money should be raised, and our district work put in better shape. Brother Berkley at Hamlin, remember is the treasurer. I would like to see a more generous response to this work. Let our isolated members help along this line. I am just as much concerned in the interest of the Brethren church as ever, and more so, but let her keep away from the breakers.

JOHN DUKE MCFADEN.

**Hoosier Echoes**

Baptized three at Center Chapel and two at North Manchester since last report. Two who were baptized at Center Chapel had been previously reported. Communion at Center Chapel largely attended. Brother Summers from North Manchester was with us and conducted the service. Brother Peter Fisher from Mexico was with us, also Brother Eikenberry. Our communion at North Manchester was held June 24. A very warm evening yet a fair attendance. Brother Flora, Hubbard, and Gordon from a distance were with us. Also several brethren and sisters from Sidney. We will say, come again and worship with us.

WM. H. MILLER.

**Buffalo, N. Y.**

Persons contemplating visiting the Pan-American Exposition will find everything in perfect condition now. The illumination at the fair is certainly one of the grandest sights ever witnessed, and there are many features that make this Exposition well worth seeing.

I will accommodate Brethren or others coming to the Exposition, with comfortable rooms in my home near the grounds to a limited number. Write stating number in your party when terms will be given.

Brother Bashor is here as the press representative of the *Idaho State Commission*, and last week brother Wesley A. Adams and wife, of Johnstown, Pa., stopped with us while visiting the Exposition and the scenery around Niagara Falls.

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